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LaGrange, GA., March 31, 2023 – Every week until the end of the 2022-2023 school year, The Troup County School System highlights a Professional Learning Community from a different school.

The Professional Learning Communities aims to meet regularly and discuss standards-based approaches, common assessments, student work, student-level data, interventions, and instructional improvement strategies.

This PLC highlight is from **Franklin Forest Elementary, written by Lindsey Binion, Principal of FFES.**

Franklin Forest Elementary began the 22-23 school year with many new faces. From a new principal, TOSA (Teacher on Special Assignment), Interventionist, and several new teachers, we knew the importance of fully implementing the PLC process. Our leadership team gathered over the summer to plan how to roll out this process to our entire staff.

Denise Giddens, our TOSA, created a notebook with information from GaDOE, TCSS, and FFE created resources that helped align the instructional plan from Kindergarten to Fifth grade. All of our teachers have access to and use the following resources during our PLC process:

- Planning Effective Instruction Flowchart
- Standards-Based Classroom Instructional Framework
- Grade Level Standards
- Yearly Overview
- Standards Reference Guides
- Assessment Blueprints
- Vertical planning resources
- Learning Targets

We meet with our teachers twice a week. On Mondays, the grade level Administrator and Ms. Giddens meet with the teachers to discuss the standards for the following week, what resources can be used to teach those standards, what instructional strategies would be beneficial, and what assessments will show mastery. In addition to these conversations, we discuss student performance data from formative, summative, and diagnostic assessments given the week before. The grade-level Administrator

meets with the team for an additional day of their choice. During this time, teachers participate in the presentation of lesson plans for the following week. This time is for each teacher to present what the Monday PLC work will look like in the classroom for the next week. This helps us have consistency across the grade level for the whole group on grade-level instruction. It has also allowed us to find “outside of the box” ways to serve our students best. From schedule changes to new strategies, the PLC process has helped us see where to focus our attention.

This work has allowed us to showcase the amazing educators we have at 1 Scholar Lane. Our goal has been to share those strategies and knowledge with all the adults in our building. Through the PLC process, we have all become better educators. The faculty and staff at Franklin Forest Elementary School have a relentless focus on student learning!

We look forward to continuing this ongoing work at FFE and can’t wait to see how our students shine!

About Troup County School System

Troup County School System is an accredited educational system with over 12,200 students in grades K-12. TCSS does offer a free Pre-K program at each elementary school. The system is comprised of eleven elementary schools, three middle schools, three high schools, one college and career academy, and one alternative learning center. Students within the school system are taught a rigorous and relevant curriculum that helps them make college and career choices beyond graduation. The system 2022 graduation rate is 85.9 percent. To learn more about [Troup County School System](https://troup.org), visit troup.org and the Troup County School System Facebook page.

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